

Subject : Washington drawer-pull

Barham, Helen, Miss
[Nashville, TN]

1930





March 5th 1930

The Curator
The American Wing
Metropolitan Museum,
New York City.

Dear Sirs,

The enclosed
is a tracing of an old
brass piece of iron an
antique cherry desk in
my possession. Could
you help me identify
the picture from which
it must have been

made. The sketch
to General Washington
is really good and the
details are very finely
cut.

I will appreciate any
help that you can give
me and if you need
the proof for authentication
I shall be glad to send
it to you.

Very truly yours

(Nien) Helen Barham

115 Louise Ave. N.E.

Nashville, Tenn.

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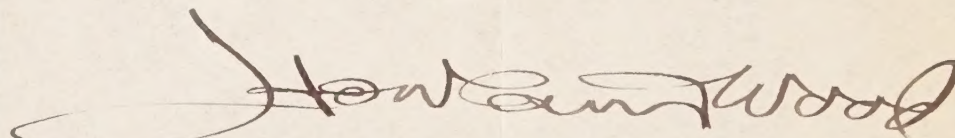
March 21, 1930

Miss Helen Barham
115 Louise Ave
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Madam;

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter which was forwarded to us from the Metropolitan Museum. The Washington medallion interests us, but we have not been able to learn from what portrait it was made. We rather think it is no true copy of any portrait. We are also interested in the fact that it is inset in a cherry desk. I wonder whether you would care to sell this medallion?

Yours very truly,


Curator.

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115 Louise Ave
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Curator.



March 25th 1930.

Mr. Howard Wood.

The American Neurological Society
New York, Cey.

Dear Sir.

I thank you for your reply to my inquiry sent the Metropolitan Museum, regarding the medallion of George Washington. I think that you must have misunderstood my letter, it is not really a medallion nor is it set into my desk. It is one of the pulls, which were on my slant top desk, there were originally eight of these pulls, two to each drawer, but when the desk came into my possession, all were gone except this one. I was interested to know whether or not the likeness was from a portrait and which one.

If you would like, I can send the brass to you for examination and then you can tell whether you would care to make me an offer for it.

Yours very truly

(Thos)

Thos Barchane
115 Louis Avenue
Nashville, Tenn.

April 1, 1930

Miss Helen Barham
115 Louise Avenue
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Barham:

Although I was hoping that your Washington portrait was set into a frame in your desk, I still might be interested in it. We confine ourselves to medals and flat reliefs, but I am just enough interested in your drawer-pull to have you send it.

Yours very truly,

Curator.



April 7th 1930

Mr Howard Wood

The American Numismatic Society,
New York, City.

Dear Sir—

Saturday I sent you
by mail, the brass piece of
General Washington, as you
requested. I hope that
it reaches you in good
condition and that you
are not disappointed in it.

Very truly yours

(Miss) Helen Barham
115 Louisa Ave.
Horseshoe, Tenn.

April 8th 1930

Miss Helen Barham
115 Louise Avenue
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your drawer-pull
with the Washington portrait. We should like to retain
this item for a few days to study it. We shall then either
return it or make you an offer.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

April 22, 1930

Miss Helen Barham
115 Louis Avenue
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Barham:

I have been looking up the matter of the Washington drawer-pull, and where we in numismatic circles were unfamiliar with it, I find it is not rare among collectors of American antiques. These drawer-pulls can be bought as a rule for \$3.00 each. If you would care to dispose of your piece to us at that price and will let me know, I will see that a cheque for that amount is forwarded to you. If not, I will see that the piece is returned.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

May 1st, 1930

Mr Howard Wood

American Turkish Relief Society
New York City.

My dear Mr Wood,

On reply to
your letter of the 22nd of April, I
have decided that you may
keep the washing tin full and
your offer of three dollars is
satisfactory to me.

I thank you for your
interest -

Very truly yours -
Miss Helen Barham
1152 Louise Dr
Nashville, Tenn.

May 5th 1930

Miss Helen Barham
115 Louise Avenue
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Miss Barham:

I am glad to enclose a cheque
for three dollars (\$3.00) in full payment for the
George Washington drawer-pull.

Very truly yours,

Curator.